

Executive Proclamation

Harrisburg, South Dakota

Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness surrounding each of the Suicide Prevention resources available to us and our community. The simple goal is to learn how to help those around us and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm; and

WHEREAS, Suicidal ideations can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for young people ages 10-34 and 4th leading cause of death for people 35-54; and

WHEREAS, local efforts and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle that many still refuse to discuss in public, as suicide and mental illness remain too taboo a topic to speak on; and

WHEREAS, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, and neighbors over the next month and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call, message, handshake, card, or hug can go a long way toward helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer.

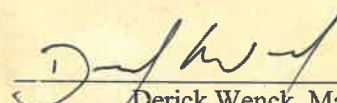
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Derick Wenck, Mayor of the City of Harrisburg, South Dakota do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Harrisburg, South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Harrisburg, South Dakota to be affixed this 17th day of August 2021.




Derick Wenck, Mayor
Harrisburg, South Dakota